

## Annual Town Meeting

March 13, 2018

The Annual Town Meeting, held in the Town of Camden in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, at the Camden Town Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Lisa Goede, Clerk.

A motion was made by Duane Wolff, seconded by Gerald Goede to appoint Mike Meuleners as Moderator. Motion carried.

The Moderator, at the opening of the meeting, stated the business to be transacted and the order of the same as listed in the agenda and to transact other business as is by law required or permitted.

The Clerk read the meeting notice that was posted at the Town Hall in New Germany.

The clerk read the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Stan Werner, seconded by Marvin Meuleners to approve the Minutes as read. Motion carried.

Proposed 2018 fire contracts discussion - Werner asked about township residents paying for fire coverage. Treasurer Denise Zellmann shared how unpaid property taxes bring fire fund in the negative. It was asked if fire pension fund is in trouble, does the township have to pay. The township is not charged for any fire pension shortages – it is the fire dept. responsibility.

General fund discussion – Marvin Meuleners asked what inter fund transfer was. Treasurer Zellmann explained the board did a transfer from the general fund to the Road & Bridge fund this year, since General fund had a healthy balance, as to not have to increase levy in Road & Bridge fund. Werner commented the handouts are very informative.

Road & Bridge discussion – Werner asked if the township is saving money applying dust control vs. gravel. Supervisor Goede says yes, dust control holds gravel together, and will explain more in Road report.

Treasurer Denise Zellmann read the audited 2017 Financial Report, with an ending balance of \$256,292.05. It was questioned the Purchase of Investment balance of \$56,284.64, and then ending balance of \$55,545.93. A motion made by Virgil Stender, seconded by Marvin Meuleners to approve the 2017 Financial Report as read, with discrepancy noted. Motion carried.

### Road Report:

Chair Goede reported that the southern end 1 mile of Tacoma Ave was rebuilt this year, laying a membrane down and using 1,000 yds. of gravel for a total cost of \$38,716.43.

**Dust Control** – 33-34 miles were dust coated, with 86<sup>th</sup> & Vega being done twice because of excessive use for road closure on county road 30 most of summer and fall and bridge resurfacing on County Rd 33 for a total cost of \$90,994.74. A bill was sent to county to try to recoup some of the expense. Dean Loehrs asked about rough road & clumps in sections. Werner asked how its decided what roads get dust control – will be coating about the same as last year, not on less traveled roads. Moderator Meuleners asked what sections of roads CUP's required are to pay dust control. It was stated that all new CUP's require dust control to black top.

**Culverts:** 2 replaced on Yancy, 1 on Tacoma for a total cost of \$10,317.28. Another was started on 94<sup>th</sup>, but delayed until this year because of concrete over culvert, then water too high. Marvin Meuleners said frost is heaving culvert and going wrong way. Carver County and contractor will survey upon installation.

**Gravel:** Cost in 2017-12.97/yd; cost in 2018-15.69/yd. 2017 had 2,058 yds of gravel for a cost of \$26,692.26. Plan on approximately 1900 yards of gravel on part of Union, 70<sup>th</sup>, Yale. Estimated total cost for 2018 \$29,811. Roads to be graveled depends on traffic, how many times a road is graded, heavy rains, how much gravel is plowed off, snow cover or no snow cover, and the quality of gravel. Heavy rains of 2 days or longer hard on roads. Bill Lueth asked cost/mile. Marvin Meuleners says prep important before applying dust control. The last snowfall the road were very hard to plow. Roger Kirchoff asked why curve is tapered. It was explained that vehicles keep rounding the corners, pushing gravel upward. Have tried building up corners, but does not last. Have tried reflectors on inside corners, but they did not last long at all. Chair Goede shared the township will try a new product on a section of road this year, made of 50% ground shingles/50% gravel. Cost is 22.15/yd, but no dust control needed. Cost \$400 more/mile.

**Grading:** Chair Goede reported it is not how often the road is graded, but how & when it was graded that save gravel & gets washboards out to keep road in shape longer.

Chair Goede stated having part time maintenance workers is working out well and saving township money.

**Buffalo Creek Bridge Replacement:** Will be concrete with projected start date of June, after spawning, and completed by August 2018. Grand total for project is \$608,000. Township Assn. has bridge fund to cover the majority of the project, with an estimated cost to the township of \$20,000.

**84<sup>th</sup> St:** River erosion from 2014 flood damage. Completed in February 2018. Township cost will be \$10,000.

**Road Right Of Way:** Bill Devine stated encroachment of road right of way is leaving township and landowner very vulnerable if an accident were to happen. Much discussion on how 16' from edge of road to center was measured – straight across. Discussion regarding corners and intersections can be dangerous. There was discussion stating that trees planted in ROW have to have owner's permission to cut if more than 6" in diameter.

**Levy Recommendation:**

General Levy - \$50,000. Motion by Meuleners, seconded by Stender to approve levy as presented of \$50,000. Motion carried.

Road & Bridge - \$190,000 Motion by Jeff Caswell, seconded by Meuleners to approve levy as presented of \$190,000. Motion carried.

Fire Fund - \$75,000. Motion by Stender, seconded by Loehrs to approve levy as presented of \$75,000. Motion carried.

A motion was made Caswell, seconded by Meuleners to recommend the following papers for the publishing of legal notices: The Waconia Patriot, NYA Times and the Herald Journal. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Loehrs, seconded by Dan Feltmann to hold the 2019 Annual meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Shed. Motion carried.

**Open discussion:** Duane Wolff stated township should not allow any solar farms. Zellmann noted the fire department wanted to remind residents to plow their own driveways as soon as able, in case emergency vehicles are called. Instance recently when fire truck got stuck in driveway. Also, to trim low hanging branches. Kirchhoff noted there are cars parking on edge of road near corner to access bike/walking path – recommended No Parking signs be installed.

There being no further discussion or business, a motion was made by Dick Ertl, seconded by Milan Wischnack to adjourn at 8:51 P.M. Motion carried.

Michael Meuleners  
Moderator

